

LEAGUE SHOWS SCHOOL NEEDS

Parents Association Asks
House Committee for In-
creased Appropriations.

START NEW CLASSES

Night Schools One of Most Popular
Organizations—Turn Away Many
Who Desire to Attend.

Resolutions were adopted last night by the Parents' League in the Public Schools, at a meeting at the Wilson Normal School, requesting the House District Committee to grant increased appropriations for summer playgrounds, an extension of summer vacation schools, for the installation of lighting fixtures in school buildings, and for extra compensation for janitors for services in connection with the use of the schools in the evening.

The increased appropriation for summer playgrounds is asked in order that the voluntary contributions by the public may be discontinued. The installation of lighting fixtures is a necessity in schools which at the present time are not provided with light of any kind, so that the schools may be used at night.

Addresses were made by Ernest L. Thurston, superintendent of schools, and Prof. E. U. Ward, on "School Activity and Community Centers." Commissioner Newman, who was to speak, was unable to attend.

Night Schools Popular.

"We are going further in the new use of school buildings," he said. "Our night schools are of our most popular organizations. We have had to turn away many who desired to attend the classes. Last year, we handled more than 500 foreign-born scholars and middle-aged persons."

Prof. Ward told of some of the plans of the Park View School and Community Center. He said the center was soon to install a voting machine to register the vote of members of the community on public questions.

Mrs. Ida E. Kebley, president of the Parents' League, announced the opening of an additional class in Spanish making the fifth which has been organized by the league. The class is being taught by Prof. Benjamin R. Jacobs.

Announcement was also made of the opening of a class in rhythm and folk dances, under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Hall Odell, of the Lucia Gale Barber School.

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SUGGEST REMEDY FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Federation of Citizens' Associations
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THOUSAND DELEGATES WILL ASSEMBLE HERE

National Security League to Discuss
Preparedness—Mayor of New York
Among Speakers.

A thousand delegates from all over the country, representing every line of trade and industry, will convene in the city to discuss every angle of the numerous programs of preparedness.

The delegates are here for the meeting of the National Security League, which opens for its first session at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon and continues throughout the week in the Willard Hotel.

With the exception of a meeting on Friday night, at which Mayor John Furrow Mitchell, of New York, is to speak in Memorial Continental Hall, all of the meetings will take place in the Willard.

The first meeting this afternoon will be opened at 2:30 o'clock with a Stanwood Menken in the chair, and speeches by Mr. Menken, president of the National Security League; Fred D. Cook, of New York; Dr. David J. Hill, former Ambassador to Germany; Miss Maud Wetmore, chairman, woman's branch National Civic Federation, and John B. Stanchfield, of New York.

Another meeting will open at 8:15 o'clock this evening, at which other well-known speakers will talk.

50,000 Club

Discussing the relationship between the Board of Education and the government, Mr. Blair declared that "no member of the school system ever handled one penny."

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ANTI-DEFENSE BOYS WIN.

Junior Debaters Defeat Senior Class
at G. V. Law School.

Defending the negative of the subject "Preparedness," a junior class team composed of William J. Cullinan, of Washington, and Robert McGauley, of Massachusetts, last night defeated a senior class team at the first prize debate of the year at Georgetown University Law School. The senior team was composed of Julian C. Hyer, of South Carolina, and Robert Whelan, of Massachusetts.

Robert McGauley was declared the winner of the individual prize of \$35. He also was declared eligible to compete against the winners of three other debates soon to be held for a prize of \$50.

Chief Justice Covington, of District Supreme Court, presided and also delivered an interesting lecture on "Debating." Justice Gould was chairman of the board of the judges.

"WHAT IS AN IMMORAL FILM?" ASKS LAWYER

Littell Argues Against Creating Federal Censorship, Terming It "Oligarchy of Five Bureaucrats."

Martin W. Littell, of New York, former Representative in Congress, appeared before the House Committee on Education last night in opposition to the Hughes bill, proposing the creation of a Federal board to censor moving pictures. He denounced the bill.

"What is an immoral picture or film?" queried Mr. Littell. "Who can answer that question? Must that question be answered by a board of five men whom they do not choose? Must that question, which reaches from the nether sewers of flagrant immorality into the very stars of an ethical ornament, be answered for every man, woman, and child in the nation by a group of quixotic and querulous old gentlemen aloof from the life of the nation? What is immorality in a picture or film?"

"If this is answered by saying that Congress cannot define what is or what is not an immoral picture and cannot write laws which will fix a standard, then how can we say that five nominees of the President will be blessed with the wisdom or endowed with the genius to strike the line of cleavage between a moral and an immoral film or picture?"

John R. Freuler, president of the Mutual Film Corporation, said the moving picture business represents an aggregating capital of \$200,000,000. He urged Congress to go slow in enacting legislation for an industry of such financial proportions.

D. C. HEADS' ARGUMENTS STRENGTHEN OTHER SIDE

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School Principals Will Argue For Board Before Committee

South Washington Citizens Delegate Charles Thompson,
Head of Jefferson School, to Appear Before Subcommittee
Today—"Fake" Ad Campaign Indorsed.

After protesting against any change in the local school system, the South Washington Citizens' Association last night instructed Charles Thompson, principal of the Jefferson School and a member of the association, to appear before the subcommittee on schools of the House District Committee today and tell of his twenty years' experience in the local schools would be injurious.

When asked by the president of the association, Dr. Lewis Johnson, if such a mission would embarrass him in his position, Principal Thompson replied: "I will speak only the truth before the subcommittee. The local schools are still in the stage of development. There are some things they need, but they do not need a change in system."

The association indorsed the campaign of the Retail Merchants' Association against false advertising, and urged the adoption of a reasonable "fake-ad" law for the District. No delegate was named to serve on the ad vigilance committee.

The need for united action by the people of the District in securing legislation from Congress was urged by William McK. Clayton, president of the Brightwood Park Citizens' Association, who spoke before the meeting as a representative of the Federation of Citizens' Associations to explain the aims and purposes of that body. The executive committee will consider the advisability of joining the federation and report at the next meeting.

These new members were elected: E. H. Zeh, E. A. Byrne, H. Hannan, A. A. Lithgow, D. H. Koyne, M. L. Sterling and F. A. Biddle.

Swiss Aviator Turns Flip-Flops and Sails Upside Down While Crowds Gasp

Domenjot, the Swiss aviator who came to Washington to fly for the benefit of the infant welfare centers of the Washington Diet Kitchen Association, gave the most amazing exhibition of aeronautical skill yesterday afternoon ever witnessed here. For the better part of three-quarters of an hour Domenjot soared over the four parts of the city while nearly 50,000 persons marveled.

He intended to make his ascent at 2 o'clock, but a frozen fender pipe, which had also prevented his flying on Tuesday, could not be thawed out until 4:30. From the polo field, between the Tidal Basin and the Potomac River, he soared in graceful curves over the Washington Monument to a height of 1,200 feet. He kept a northerly course to a point directly over the White House, and, squaring away, he made for the Capitol at a sixty-mile speed.

The aviator executed a series of somersaults in the parked space in front of the Union station, and then executed another series of flip-flops at an elevation of 1,000 feet over Lafayette Square. Domenjot neglected no part of the show. From Lafayette Square he circled in wide, graceful curves over the northwestern residence district, sometimes with his machine upside down, sometimes at a slant of forty-five degrees.

Over The Herald Building he shut off his engine and took a perpendicular header for the ground, the watchers in the street scurrying to cover in the belief that he was about to crash. The steering apparatus. But after a dizzy drop to within about 500 feet of the ground he suddenly applied his power again and swept upward.

except his conscience and the Congress of the United States," declared Mr. Blair. "The Commissioners are in the same boat with the Board of Education; they cannot spend money except with his approval. After leaving the auditor's office, accounts are checked up by the Treasury accountant, audited by the United States auditor for the State and other departments, and approved by the Comptroller of the Treasury."

"Every dollar the Board of Education spends is investigated, audited and approved by the Comptroller of the Treasury. We do not see a dollar from one year's end to another. In all my service, the only money ever handled by the Board of Education was \$12,000,000 from two sources as a 'conscience fund' to repay for books stolen, and that was immediately forwarded to the proper repository."

"We do not purchase the supplies for the school system. We estimate our requirements, within the limits prescribed by the appropriation bills, and the purchasing officer of the District advertises for bids and buys on a competitive basis, and pays for the supplies. Even the salaries of the personnel are disbursed through the District disbursing officer."

Straw Man Set Up.
"Of these activities—audit, purchase and disbursements—the Commissioners do not know any more of the affairs of the Board of Education than the Sultan of Turkey does, and we know no more about theirs. I am not suggesting that any one has been derelict in his duties, but only that the public is concerned, the Commissioners have nothing to do with these officers."

"They set the straw man up and then knock him down in order to have a reason for the proposed change."

Both Mr. Blair and Senator Butler made the point that the duties of the Commissioners already are too multitudinous for the best interests of the community, and that this condition would militate strongly against a school system of which they were at the head.

"If there is a nature of a nature to be suggested to the present system," declared Senator Butler, "it is a detail; it is not fundamental."

"Hasn't the need for a remedy? The Commissioners have used well-sounding words—centralization and coordination—and have said these would provide a better school system. They do not tell us how."

Johnson Seeks Facts.
Representative Johnson wanted to know if Senator Butler knew of any instances where the present Commissioners have yielded to political pressure with respect to appointments to the police and fire forces.

"If they have not," replied the witness, "they are the best men in the city who did not yield to political pressure from high sources. I think if you take a list of the appointments made by the District Commissioners you will find the political appointments have been the rule rather than the exception."

"I've seen Socialists appointed to vacancies here, and Republicans promoted," replied Mr. Johnson, "but I have you permit politics to creep into matters of personnel. Mr. Blair replied that he was discussing the matter in the abstract, and pointed out the fact that for the last six years the bipartisan character of the Board of Commissioners has been done away with, as indicating a tendency which might be expected to result in a school system in time if the existing safeguards should be let down."

The inference from questions by Representative Johnson and Chairman Doyle was that if there had been any District patronage going the rounds, deserving Democrats in Kentucky and Missouri had been overlooked. Representative Doyle stated very frankly that he would permit politics to creep in, and believed, if given the opportunity, it would be the duty of District Commissioners to favor their own parties. Mr. Lloyd evidenced his unwillingness to "take a chance" in New York.

In supporting his measure, Commissioner Newman declared that it resulted from a study of the situation by the Commissioners covering a period of two and one-half years, and dating from the general proposal of the President that District matters be centralized. He declared that while the White House knew such a bill had been introduced, it had made no expression of its value. Mr. Blair, in commenting his statement, pointed out that Mr. Newman was the only member of the Board of Commissioners who had been in office more than one year at the time the proposal was embodied in the Commissioners' annual estimates last October.

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Mrs. Raybaud, wife of the military attaché of the Argentine Embassy, wore a handsome gown of green satin veiled in black lace, and Miss Griggs Raybaud was lovely in blue tulle and tulle. Mrs. Calderon, wife of the Bolivian Minister, was gowned in black velvet, and Miss Calderon wore pink tulle over pink satin. Mrs. de Cuevas wore lilac tulle.

Mrs. Morales, wife of the Minister from Panama, wore black velvet and silver. Miss Morales wore pink tulle over pink satin, and Miss Josephine Morales, the debutante daughter, wore white tulle over white satin trimmed in crystals. Mrs. Chamorro, wife of the Minister from Nicaragua, wore in black tulle trimmed in gold and embroidered in gold beads.

Mrs. Smoot in Black Velvet.
Mrs. de Pena, wife of the Minister from Uruguay, was in black tulle. Mrs. de Pena wore a gown of black blue charmeuse with black tulle drape. Miss Albertina de Pena wore a gown of pale blue chiffon trimmed with dainty roses and lace. Miss Carlota de Pena wore black tulle over pink tulle with pink roses and orchids. Mrs. de Dittborn, wife of the Chilean naval attaché, was in black liberty silk draped over a petticoat of white tulle and lace. Mrs. Ewing, wife of the military attaché, wore a gown of black velvet and corsage ornament of diamonds. Mrs. de Leon, wife of the second secretary, wore black velvet broadened in silver and diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Quintana, wife of the counselor of the Argentine Embassy, wore black tulle and silver. Mrs. Quintana wore a gown of black velvet with a pearl necklace and a diamond and pearl hair ornament.

Mrs. Reed Smoot's gown was of black velvet and jet, with diamond and pearl ornaments. Mrs. Benches, wife of Senator Bankhead, wore white broadened satin and gold lace, with a diamond necklace. Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., wore a white chiffon gown with a diamond and pearl hair ornament.

George Barnett was lovely in a gown of black velvet, with a diamond tiara and corsage ornaments of diamonds. Mrs. J. H. Bankhead wore a gown of black velvet with a pearl necklace and a diamond and pearl hair ornament.

Mrs. Porter J. McCumber was in black velvet and silver, and wore McCumber's gown of pink tulle embroidered in silver, with a drape of silver lace and broadened silver. Mrs. Champ Clark wore a handsome gown of white lace over white satin and corsage bouquet of American Beauty roses. Mrs. Pomeroy, wife of Senator Pomeroy, was handsomely gowned in white lace with sequined and gold and wore a diamond tiara. Mrs. Borah, wife of Senator Borah, wore black tulle and jet.

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